

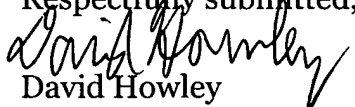
Remarks

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 6 and 15 to call for a battery and an electric motor connectable to the battery, the motor capable of moving the support when the motor is connected to the battery. Support for this amendment is found in the application on page 3, lines 10-12. None of the references cited by the Examiner in the last office action disclose a battery or a motor for use in a toothbrush. Therefore, the claims presented in this amendment are novel and unobvious over these references.

Applicants believe the present claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested.

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